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Community Informational

TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL -- In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at tcafieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov. Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

Arrests

- (NGL) Nogales agents apprehended an illegal alien Thursday who admitted to being a Sureño 13 gang member. The subject is being held pending prosecution.
- (NGL) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Nogales Station arrested an illegal alien Wednesday with an active warrant for violation of probation from the Arizona Department of Corrections. Agents discovered the warrant using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). Agents turned the subject over to the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office for extradition.
- (AJO) Ajo Station agents arrested an illegal alien Wednesday previously convicted for lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 years of age. The conviction was found using the IAFIS and the subject was held for prosecution.
- **(SON)** Sonoita Station agents arrested an illegal alien Tuesday who admitted to an affiliation with the 40 Riders gang. After enrolling the man into the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), agents discovered he also had several non-violent arrests out of New York City. The man was held for prosecution.
- (TUS) Tucson Station agents arrested an illegal alien Friday. After enrolling the man into the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), agents discovered he was previously convicted for "sexual contact / indecency with a child." The man was held for prosecution.

Criminal aliens, including sex offenders, are among the dangerous individuals who attempt to enter the United States illegally. Technology, such as IAFIS, helps the Border Patrol quickly identify criminals and bring them to an appropriate law enforcement resolution.

Rescues and Recoveries:

- (CAG) Border Patrol agents assigned to the Border Search Trauma and Rescue Team (BORSTAR) rescued a man and woman Thursday left behind by their smuggler. The woman was unconscious and had to be taken to a local hospital for further treatment. The man was held for processing.
- (NGL) Nogales Station agents rescued two children Wednesday after seeing them pushed through the international boundary fence. Agents, according to protocol, took the children to the Nogales Station and contacted the Mexican Consulate.
- (AJO) Ajo Station agents responded to a rescue beacon in the west desert area Wednesday and found the four subjects. The subjects were held for processing.
- (NGL) Nogales Station agents responded to a report Wednesday morning from the Nogales Police Department of an individual in distress in a remote area of Peña Blanca Lake in Santa Cruz County. Upon arrival, agents encountered four illegal aliens, one of which required further medical treatment for dehydration. After the man was treated, agents transported the group to the Nogales Station for processing.
- (AJO) Ajo Station agents responded to a rescue beacon Wednesday morning near Darby Well Road, south of Ajo, where they encountered two illegal aliens lost in the desert. Agents transported the individuals to the Ajo Station for processing.
- (AJO) Ajo Station agents rescued 12 illegal aliens Sunday after receiving a call that the group was in distress and could no longer walk. None of the individuals required medical treatment. The group was transported to the Ajo Station for processing.
- (CAG) Casa Grande Station agents rescued an illegal alien Saturday suffering from dehydration and an injured shoulder. The man was transported to a local hospital for treatment.
- (AJO) Ajo Station agents rescued two illegal aliens Saturday after receiving a call that they were tired and requested assistance. The men did not require medical attention. They were transported to the Ajo Station for processing.
- (NGL) Nogales Station agents rescued an illegal alien Friday suffering from dehydration and slipping in and out of consciousness. The man was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Tucson Sector has more than 200 agents trained as emergency medical technicians and more than 3,200 agents ready to respond to emergency situations. Although agents in the Tucson Sector stand ready to provide humanitarian assistance to anyone encountered in need, the summer heat continues to be a threat to human health. Unfortunately, smugglers value profits more than the lives of the people they attempt to smuggle across the border. Individuals who fall ill are often left behind by smugglers and can become victims of the desert.

Seizures

(CAG) Casa Grande Station agents seized 11 abandoned backpacks of marijuana Monday. The total weight of the marijuana was more than 500 pounds and has an estimated value of nearly \$405,000.

From Oct. 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol seized more than 798,400 pounds of marijuana exceeding \$638 million in value.